

MPL Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Approved

Members present: (including Facility Committee members and Development Committee members) Joe Cooley, Charlie Johnson, Anne Shannon, Tom Dooley, Mary Tichenor, Ann-Marie Gordon, Bill Lane, Ian McNabb, Dave Beinetti, Laurie Guenther.

Members of the Public: Shari Stottler, Paula McIntyre

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Public Announcements: Laurie had tickets available for the upcoming Library fundraiser to held at the Rabbit Room.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes: The revised minutes were approved.

Charlie Johnson handed out copies of the Public Design Charrette Report put together by architectural firm HBT for review. The first 15 minutes was spent in reading the Report.

Some discussion followed. The report cited that all groups thought it was imperative to have control of the development rights to the parcel between the site and Main Street. The town will be working toward a beneficial solution for the business and the library. Ian stated that the Town needed to repay the 'A' Fund from the 'H' Fund as the money has been partially depleted on previous library campaigns and costs. The discussion on money was agreed to be tabled for a future meeting.

Building size and placement:

Dave advised on not making a quick decision on the building size and placement and suggested that a 3-D digital mass mock-up be done of the Four Corners area in HF. This would make it possible to visualize the new library in different ways, from a street level viewpoint. And it would be easier to understand the choices so that the right decision will be made for future generations. Dave added that another tool that can be used to aid the decision is a spread sheet with the different sizes of buildings and the costs involved with each one. It was generally agreed after some discussion that a 10,000/sq foot or preferably a 12,000/sq foot building was the best choice. Charlie will be ask HBT to provide the digital mock-up as well as a tabular form spread sheet. Ian added that the cost for this should already be included in HBTs fees. Charlie will also tell HBT that the committee is evaluating the 'D' and 'E' options.

Budget:

Charlie revised the following costs -

\$100/sq foot to renovate existing library, \$120/sq foot for a new shell, \$225/sq foot for a new building.

Money 'in hand' is currently \$1.4 million, and another \$1 million would provide for a 12,000/sq foot building.

Green Design:

It was agreed that getting the certification was desirable but not crucial, but that achieving "bragging rights" to being a Green building should be attempted to the greatest extent possible.

Development Committee Update:

Anne announced that on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Dave is hosting a Working Pizza Party, with the purpose of generating a confidential list of names, connections, investors, potential donors, etc. She wanted to open the meeting to the Steering Committee.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 28 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m. – submitted Elsie Cleary.